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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: CIA Appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee

1. Mr. William Macomber, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Affairs, telephoned to state that the scheduled dates have now been made firm for various appearances before Senate Foreign Relations. They are as follows: Department of State, 14 January 1959; Department of Defense, 16 January 1959; a briefing on economic matters presumably just Mr. C. Douglas Dillon, Deputy Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, 21 January 1959; and CIA on the 23rd of January. Mr. Macomber specifically stated that no further invitation was to be expected from the Committee since they considered Senator Green's letter to the President of 16 December and the President's reply of 22 December as sufficient notification particularly since the President advised Senator Green that Secretary Dulles was asked "to coordinate this matter so that the officials concerned may meet with your Committee at a mutually satisfactory time." (Copies of both letters attached.)

2. Mr. Macomber advised that he would keep in touch on any developments and suggested that Secretary Dulles and the DCI probably would wish to discuss this together. Mr. Macomber further suggested that he thought it would be wise if the Legislative Counsel would sit through Secretary Dulles' presentation.

3. Senator Green's letter enclosed a proposed outline for executive session hearings and in discussion with Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he indicated clearly

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that the Committee was not attempting to specify what Departments or officials should appear having placed their general request on the Executive Branch by addressing their letter to the President. As a matter of information, Mr. Marcy indicated that a representative of the Department of Defense had stated that they planned to testify as to their estimate of Soviet military capabilities. In discussing what might be most helpful to the Committee, Mr. Marcy speculated that the Committee might refer to the events of the past year such as the Taiwan Straits crisis, the Middle East events, the Berlin situation and possibly the successful revolution in Cuba and then pose a question as to what events might transpire in the coming year. Mr. Marcy speculated further that the Committee might like a discussion of these events and other Soviet accomplishments to answer the question of how much is the Soviet government behind these various events and to what degree have they instigated them and how can they keep raising these problems in different parts of the world and still move forward in the scientific and military fields when their over-all capability in terms of gross national product is substantially smaller than that of the United States.

4. Mr. Marcy advised that the NEW YORK TIMES and the WASHINGTON POST have already raised the question of why can't hearings of this type be open sessions and it is to be expected that there will be further questions raised in this regard. Mr. Marcy merely wanted to alert us to this saying that the Committee intends to be guided completely by the witnesses as to what can be made public either by way of prepared statements or corrected transcripts or nothing at all.

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The attached Memorandum for the Record records Bill Macomber's telephone call in which he indicates a firm date for CIA of 23 January before Senate Foreign Relations. I have also recorded certain comments of Carl Marcy. No further written communication will be coming from the Committee and at this time we are firmly scheduled for 10 o'clock on 23 January.

A copy of my Memorandum for the Record has been forwarded to Mr. Amory in order that preparation of a prepared statement can be initiated. I understand that you were scheduled to be at Princeton on the 23rd of January. If you

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wish me to make any efforts to change this date, please let me know.

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